



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2925, **Agenda Item #:** 16.

9/30/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with ECM International, Inc., to provide professional project management services for the Montopolis Neighborhood Park and Northwest District Park-Aquatic Facilities - Project Management Services project in an amount not to exceed \$650,000.

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No goals were established for this solicitation.]

Lead Department

Capital Contracting Office.

Managing Department

Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Purchasing Language:

Staff recommendation is the most qualified firm out of one firm evaluated through the City's qualification-based selection process.

For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov.

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749, Rick Wilson, 512-974-7261, or the Parks and Recreation Department Project Manager, Patrick Beyer, 512-974-9476.

Additional Backup Information:

ECM International, Inc. will provide Project Management Services (PM) for the Montopolis Neighborhood Park Pool and the Northwest District Park Pool.

Montopolis Neighborhood Park Pool: Montopolis Neighborhood Park is located southeast of downtown Austin. The 7.61-acre site is home to a new community center that completed in 2020. This building provides over 33,000 square feet of new space, including a commercial kitchen, gymnasium, fitness room, computer lab, conference rooms and educational programming areas. The existing pool was originally constructed in 1978. The Austin Aquatic Master Plan, which was adopted in 2018, calls for Montopolis Pool to be renovated as a community pool featuring a 7000 sq ft pool, 9000 sq ft pool deck and new pool house.

Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest District Park Pool: Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest District Park is located in northwest Austin. The 31.14-acre site is named after former director of the Parks and Recreation Department, Beverly S. Sheffield. Park amenities include baseball fields, basketball and tennis courts, a pool, rentable picnic spaces, a duck pond, and trails along Shoal Creek. The pool was originally constructed in 1956 and is scheduled to become a Regional Aquatics Facility according to the 2018 Austin Aquatic Master Plan. The new pool design will feature a 14,000 square foot pool, a 14,000 square foot pool deck, and a new pool house. In 2021, PARD began developing a new vision plan for the district park.

The recommended firm will provide Project Management Services for the two listed park pools. Services will include:

- Manage the project from initiation through completion;
- Monitor work of designated design professionals, contractors, and technical service providers to ensure quality and functionality; and,
- Facilitate community engagement, assist with permitting, maintain project documentation and monitor the construction manager-at-risk.

ECM International, Inc. is the only responder for Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP313. Representatives from two Consultants attended the Pre-Response meeting held on May 3, 2021. Both Consultants indicated an interest in submitting a response as Prime Consultants, however, one firm did not submit a proposal. The Consultant that did not submit was contacted and stated that they did not believe they met the PMP certification requested as a preference for this solicitation.

The public's use of the two pools will not be impacted until construction begins, which is currently estimated to be the Fall of 2023. The pools will remain closed for an estimated 510 calendar days.

If Council does not approve this item PARD will re-solicit for project management services. The re-solicitation process could add 6-8 months to the project timeline.

The project will be managed by the Parks and Recreation Department.

This authorization provides funding of the above listed services. This request allows for the development of an agreement with the qualified firm that Council awards. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the awarded firm, negotiations will cease with that firm, and staff will issue a new Request for Qualification Solicitation.

TOP RANKED FIRM: ECM International, Inc., is located in Austin, Texas

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.